



**IT WORKS . . .** Sister Mary Christopher of St. Michael's Catholic School in Los Angeles prepares to view a light spectrum produced by a Bell Telephone Laboratory science experiment kit. The kit, "Crystals and Light," was built by students Cathy Higley (left) of Torrance and Mary Dixon of Hawthorne as a science class project. Pacific Telephone makes the science kits available to advanced high school classes free of charge.

## Courteous Approach Does Pay Off, Police Discover

Courteous police officers do more to rehabilitate traffic violators than offensive policemen.

Sgt. Bruce Bishop of the Torrance police traffic detail told Torrance Safety Council members Monday that the courteous approach had been proven more effective in studies conducted by the California Highway Patrol.

During CHP experiments, officers were instructed to try a variety of approaches with traffic offenders. Some were asked to be polite, while others were told to give the offender a good tongue lashing.

UNMARKED cars then followed the violators to determine how varying approaches affected the drivers' performances. Sergeant Bishop said that those drivers who had experienced the courteous approach were more likely to drive on without violating the law again.

Turning his attention to the local traffic scene, Sergeant Bishop said Torrance has made tremendous strides to-

ward cutting down the fatality rate. The injury accident rate is still high, however.

Sergeant Bishop noted that police analysis of city traffic patterns had enabled the local department to pinpoint the most hazardous traffic centers and deploy extra enforcement details to these spots during peak hours.

THE POINT of enforcement, Sergeant Bishop said, is to "create a healthy fear in every human being" so each driver will realize that violations lead to punishment.

Torrance police are cracking down particularly hard on truck violations, Sergeant Bishop related. Overloaded and poorly equipped trucks,

he said, not only cause accidents, but tend to damage roadways.

Also addressing the Safety Council was Officer Ted Bradley, information and education officer of the California Highway Patrol. Bradley spoke of the "awesome problem" facing traffic officials in the next few years when more than 8 million cars will crowd the streets of five major Southern California counties.

Bradley said traffic deaths per mile have dropped off markedly since 1941. In that year, Americans were dying at the rate of 16 per 100 million miles of car travel. Today, the rate has dropped to 4.9 per 100 million miles.

## Scouts Plan Encampment

Some 200 area Junior Girl Scouts will head for Tapia Park May 24 through 26 for their first Junior Encampment. The encampment will help the girls develop camping skills and meet with Girl Scouts from neighboring troops. Assisting as program aides will be 10 West High Senior Girl Scouts from Troop 1689.



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## Measles Immunizations Mandatory for Children

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Evidence of immunity must be presented to school authorities in one of four ways: a physician's record of immunization; a health department immunization card; a parent or legal guardian's written statement that such immunization has been obtained; or

a parent or legal guardian's written statement that a child has had the 10-day red measles.

Dr. Heidbreder said a child may be exempted from the law if a parent or guardian files a letter with the school authorities stating that immunization is against his religious beliefs or if the child's physical condition does not permit immunization.

Children who have not had the measles and have not

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been immunized, may be admitted with the understanding that these shots will be given within two weeks after the day of admission.

The measles vaccine is being offered in all 49 district health offices throughout the county, Dr. Heidbreder said. The immunizations also are available from private physicians.

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